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COUNTRY USSR/East Germany

REPORT

SUBJECT 1. Soviet Naval Vessels in the Baltic,
the Oresund, and the North Sea

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2. Observations at Ventspils

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1. two photographs were taken in the North Sea:

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RIGA-class escort vessel in left background;
RIGA-class escort vessel in right foreground,
attempting to refuel from KONDA-class naval tanker YAKHROMA,
in left foreground.

RIGA-class escort vessel,

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2. A photograph of Floating Drydock No. 1 under tow,
northbound in the Oresund

3. The following five photographs were taken

Subject

At left center. SO-1-class submarine
chaser at Sassnitz.

W-class submarine
northbound in the Oresund, off Malmo.

W-class submarine
northbound in the Oresund, off Malmo.

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4. Two photographs [redacted] of a KRUPNYIY-class guided missile destroyer [redacted] heading north were taken near the Leningrad Lightship [redacted]

5. The following five photographs were taken at Ventspils [redacted]

Subject

Town Quay: at right center, T-301-class minesweeper, outboard, and T-43-class minesweeper, inboard; at right, KRONSTADT-class submarine chaser [redacted]

Town Quay; from left to right: T-301-class minesweeper, outboard, and T-43-class minesweeper, inboard; KRONSTADT-class submarine chaser, and KRONSTADT-class submarine chaser, [redacted]

Town Quay: at center, T-301-class minesweeper outboard, and T-43-class minesweeper inboard. [redacted]

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Western end of the North Mole, under construction; at right center, 75-ton floating crane.

6. [redacted]

7. [redacted] two RIGA-class destroyers [redacted] failed in an attempt to refuel from the naval tanker YAKHROMA [redacted] in the position N 58-32, E 05-20. The weather conditions were as follows: wind, SE at 20 - 25 knots; temperature - five to seven degrees Centigrade. The fact that it was attempted at all may indicate that the weather conditions during the operation represent the limit for fueling by this method for these ships. [redacted]

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8. [redacted]

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Subject

- 1 A one-page report (including a sketch) on Floating Dry Dock No. 1, being towed northward through the Oresund [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- 2 A two-page report on observations at Ventspils [redacted] Observations include the following: four KRONSTADT-class submarine chasers [redacted] dredging inside the breakwaters; construction on both moles; a new wall under construction opposite the fishing harbor; extension of the Export Quay; dismantling of a radar station at the South Mole; and the location of searchlight batteries and three proposed jetties. An annotated sketch map is included. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- 3 A two-page report on observations at Kronstadt [redacted] Observations include the following: a probable SVERDLOV-class cruiser [redacted]

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(sketch included); three large submarines (no details), and one smaller submarine (no details); and a naval vessel with a flush deck, two raked funnels, two tripod masts, and one large turret forward.

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COUNTRY: USSR

REPORT NO.

SUBJECT: Transportation of Floating
Dry Dock

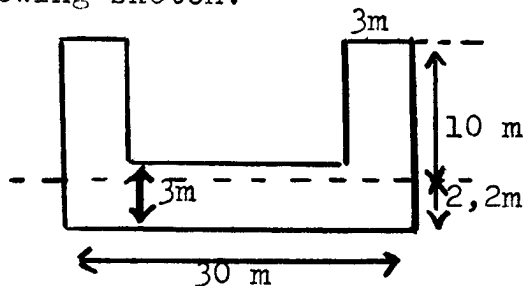
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DATE OF REPORT: 1 September 1959

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1. [redacted] the Soviet towboats KAGUL (450 gross metric tons) and STROMITSLINIY (1013 gross metric tons) towed the floating drydock No. 1 northward through Gresund. The drydock was estimated to have a length of 75 meters, beam of 30 meters, and a height above the waterline of 10 meters. See the following sketch:



2. The dock was empty, but inside lay two anchors, and concrete blocks with attached chains. Destination of the drydock was reported to be Murmansk. The speed was about five knots.
3. A photograph of the drydock is attached. [redacted]

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Naval/EconomicRussian Warships at VENTSPILS and Port Information

A number of Russian naval vessels were seen berthed alongside the
 Town Quay VENTSPILS [redacted] Details of some 50X1-HUM
 of these vessels are as follows:

Sea Area Brief [redacted]

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- W. [redacted]
- H. Town Quay VENTSPILS
- Y. Leaving VENTSPILS Harbour
- D. Good visibility
- O. Restricted observation
- F. One funnel
- I. [redacted]
- L. Estimated at 150 Ft.
- M. One pole mast rising from rear of bridge
- S. Flush deck
- T. One single gun turret forrard, one single gun turret aft
estimated at 4" calibre
- A. Not known
- R. Half cheese type Radar on top of mast
- S. Flying Russian naval ensign

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2.

Sea Area Brief [redacted]

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- F. One squat funnel with a blue band in between two white
bands situated well aft.
- I. [redacted]
- L. Approximately 210 ft.
- M. One pole mast rising from bridge
- S. Break under bridge and a further break right aft
- T. One single gun turret forrard, one single gun turret immediately
abaft the funnel. Calibre estimated at 4".
- A. Fitted for minesweeping.
- R. Not known
- S. Flying Russian naval ensign. [redacted]

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3. Sea Area Brief

F. One squat funnel

I. [REDACTED]

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L. Estimated at 120 ft.

M. One thin pole mast right forrard of bridge

S. Break under after part of bridge

T. Not known

A. Fitted for minesweeping

R. Not known

S. Not known

4. [REDACTED] three new jetties are to be built in the 50X1-HUM
positions marked on the overlay plan. Work has already commenced on the most
southerly one.

5. Dredging was seen taking place just inside the breakwaters.

6. Work was in progress on both moles which were apparently being
considerably heightened. The 75-ton floating crane was in attendance at the
Western end of the North Mole for this purpose. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

7. A new wall is under construction opposite the fishing harbour on
the northern side of the river and further to the eastward on the same side
of the river work is in progress which appears to be either extending the
Export Quay or linking it with the Import Quay. Ten five ton cranes and
two twenty ton cranes were counted at the Import Quay and twelve five ton
cranes on the Export Quay.

8. Three large earth mounds were visible to the North of the harbour
in line with the North Mole as shown on the overlay plan.

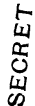
9. At the root of the South Mole a Radar Station appeared to be in the
process of dismantling.

10. Searchlight batteries were situated as shown on the overlay plan
and informant stated that there is a large concentration of searchlights both
coastal and inland to the North and South of the port.

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U.S.S.R.NavalRussian Warships in KRONSTADT

A large Russian warship was seen moored to a buoy in KRONSTADT roads

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Sea Area Brief

W. 1000 LT.

H. Moored in Kronstadt Roads

Y. Passing Kronstadt bound Leningrad

D. Poor visibility

O. Restricted due to presence of shipping pilot

F. Two upright funnels spaced well apart

I.

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L. Approximately 700 ft. long

M. Two tripod masts one in front of each funnel

S. Break under "X" turret

T. Two triple turrets forrard, two triple turrets aft

Three twin A.A. turrets spaced along starboard side.

A. Not known

R. Not known

S. Not known

2. Two large and one small submarine were seen in the Merchant Harbour. No descriptions were obtained

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3. A large warship was seen in the Central Harbour.

Sea Area Brief

W.

H. Stern to the wall in the Central Harbour Kronstadt

Y. Inward bound to Leningrad

D. Poor visibility

O. Restricted due to presence of shipping pilot

F. Two raked funnels spaced well apart

I.

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L. Approximately 600 ft. long

M. One tripod mast in front of after funnel

S. Break approximately amidships

T. Two turrets forrard

A. Not known

R. Not known

S. Not known

4. A large warship previously reported in Central Harbour with scaffolding built up around the bridge was cleared of scaffolding on 25th October and completely newly painted.

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[redacted]
[redacted] On passing Kronstadt outward bound from Leningrad [redacted]

this vessel was observed in the Graving Dock at the North Eastern end of the Central Harbour and another large warship [redacted] berthed in its place.

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5. [redacted] the large warship [redacted] was still in the same berth and a smaller warship berthed on her northern side.

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Sea Area Brief

W. 1400 LT. [redacted]

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H. Stern to the wall in the Central Harbour Kronstadt

Y. Outward bound from Leningrad

D. Poor visibility

O. Restricted

F. Two raked funnels very wide apart

I. [redacted]

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L. Not known

M. Appeared to have two tripod masts

S. Flush decked as far as could be ascertained

T. One large turret forward only could be seen

A. Not known

R. Not known

S. Not known

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6. On passing the Merchant Harbour three large submarines [redacted]

[redacted] and one smaller submarine [redacted]

were seen. No descriptions

could be obtained.

7. [redacted]

[redacted] a warship at a distance of about 2-3 miles [redacted]

On his approach this vessel immediately steamed away to the north at high speed. [redacted]

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Sea Area Brief

W. 1530 LT. [redacted]

H. Leningrad Light Vessel

Y. Outward bound from Leningrad

D. Poor visibility

O. Restricted

F. Two slightly raked funnels spaced well apart

I. [redacted]

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L. Not known

M. One tripod mast rising from bridge, one smaller mast in front of after funnel.

S. Not known.

T. No gun turrets seen

A. Not known

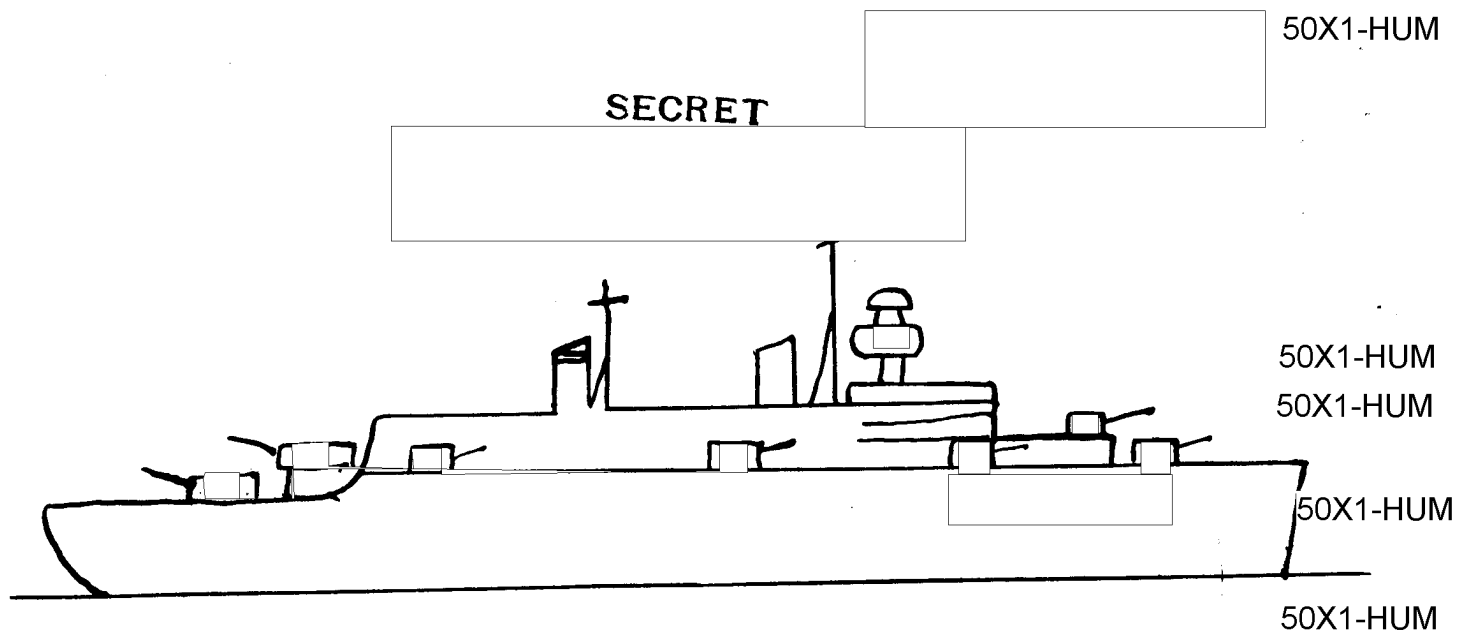
R. Large radar on top of foremast, various other radar arrays on both masts

S. A long rectangular contraption both forward and aft in usual position of gun turrets

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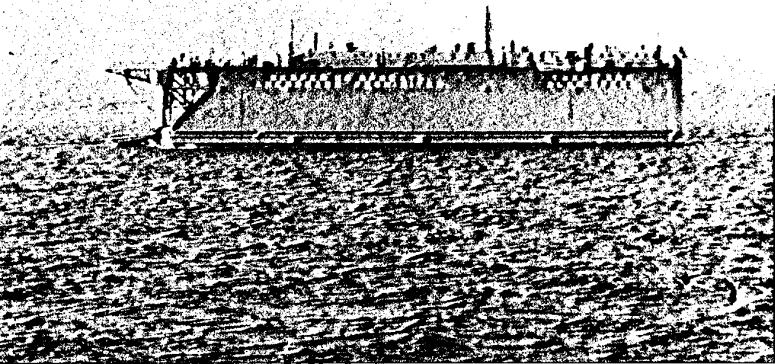


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FLOATING DRYDOCK NO. 1 UNDER TOW, NORTH-BOUND IN
ORESUND. [REDACTED]

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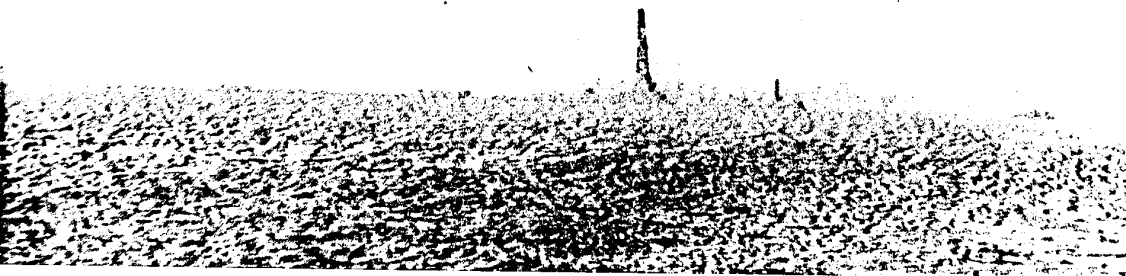


USSR [REDACTED] VENTSPILS 57 24 N 21 34 E

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WEST END OF NORTH MOLE, UNDERCONSTRUCTION; 75-TON FLOATING CRANE AT RIGHT CENTER.

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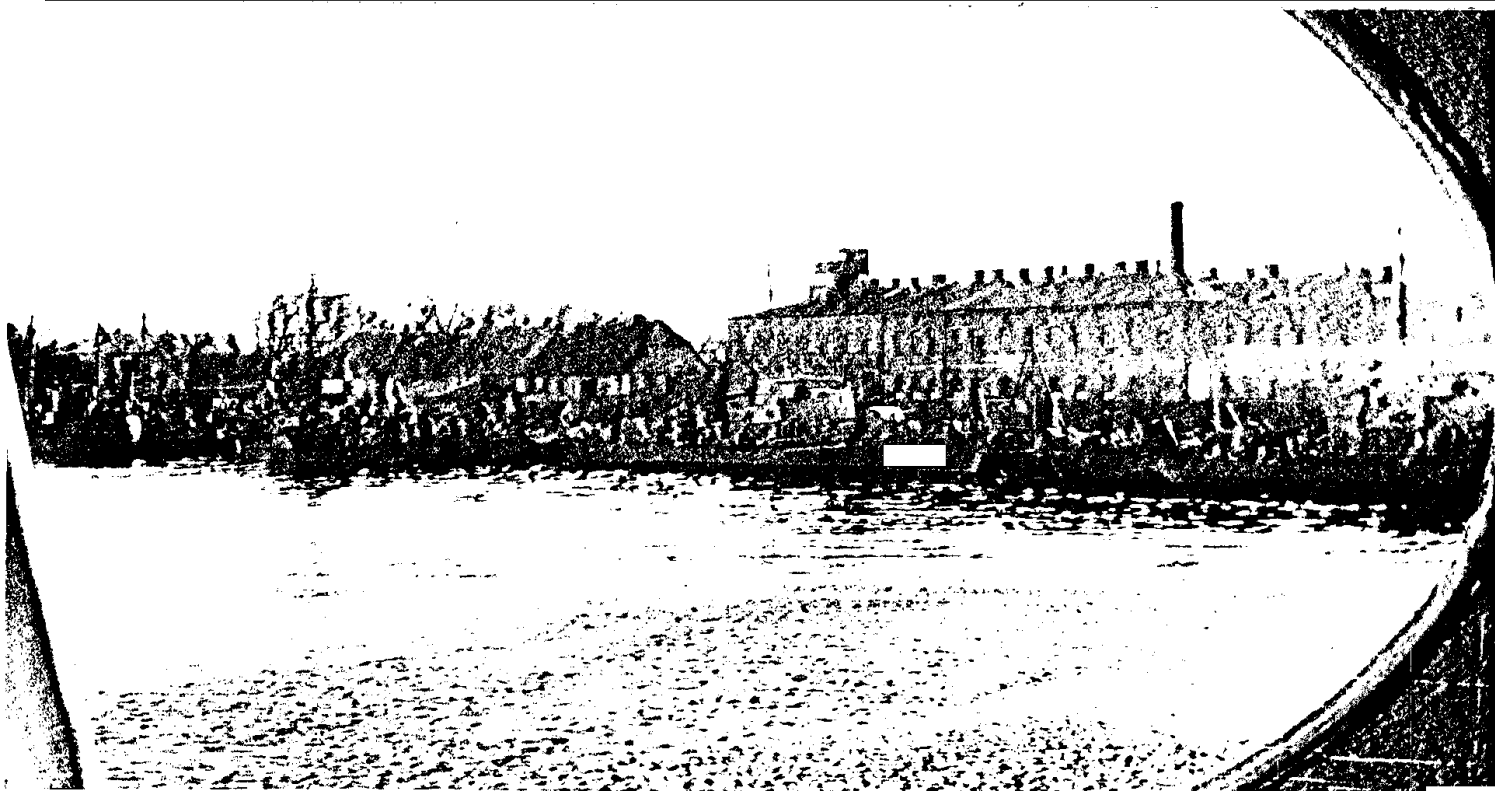
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CIA-RDP80T00246A052700310001-2 3 MINESWEEPER, (OUTBOARD) &
T-43 CLASS MINESWEEPER (INBOARD); RIGHT: KRONSHADT-CLASS
SUBCHASER PART 1 OF 3-PART



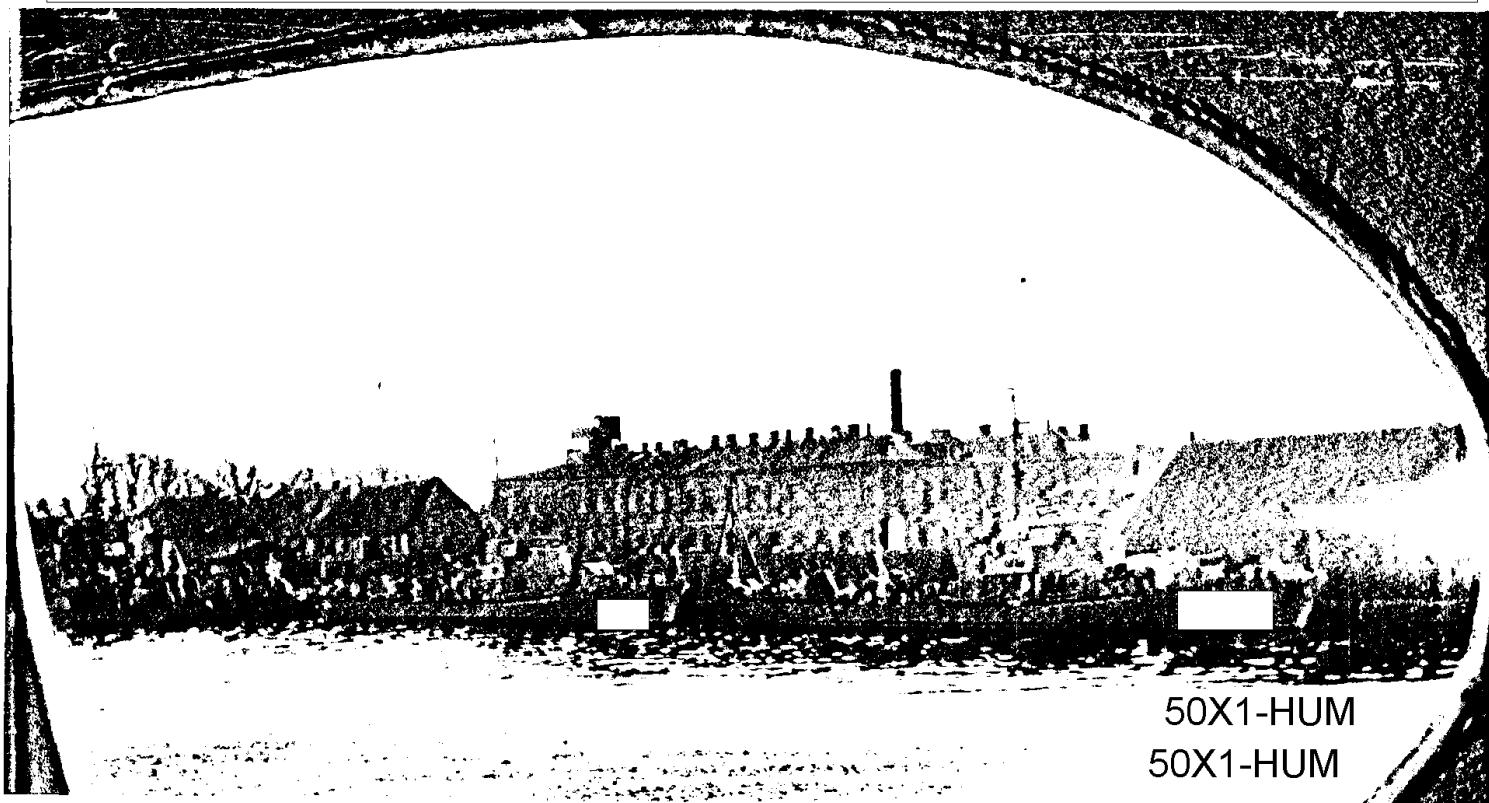
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TOWN QUAY. LEFT TO RIGHT: T-301-CLASS MINESWEEPER [REDACTED] (OUTBOARD) &
T-43-CLASS MINESWEEPER [REDACTED] (INBOARD); KRONSTADT-CLASS SUBCHASERS,
[REDACTED] PART 2 OF 3-PART SERIES. [REDACTED]
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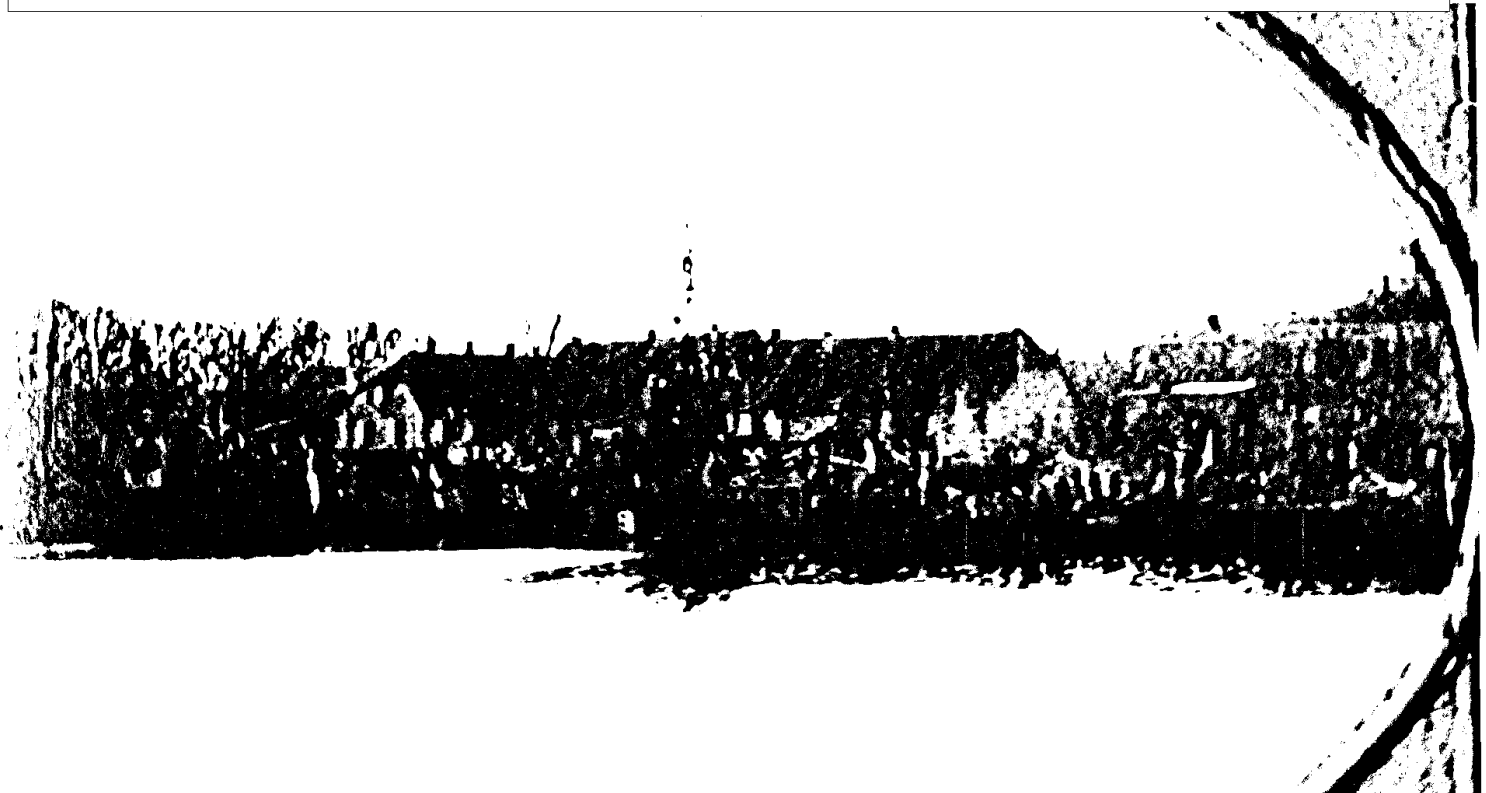
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T-43-CLASS MINESWEEPER [REDACTED] (INBOARD); KRONSTADT-CLASS SUBCHASERS. [REDACTED]

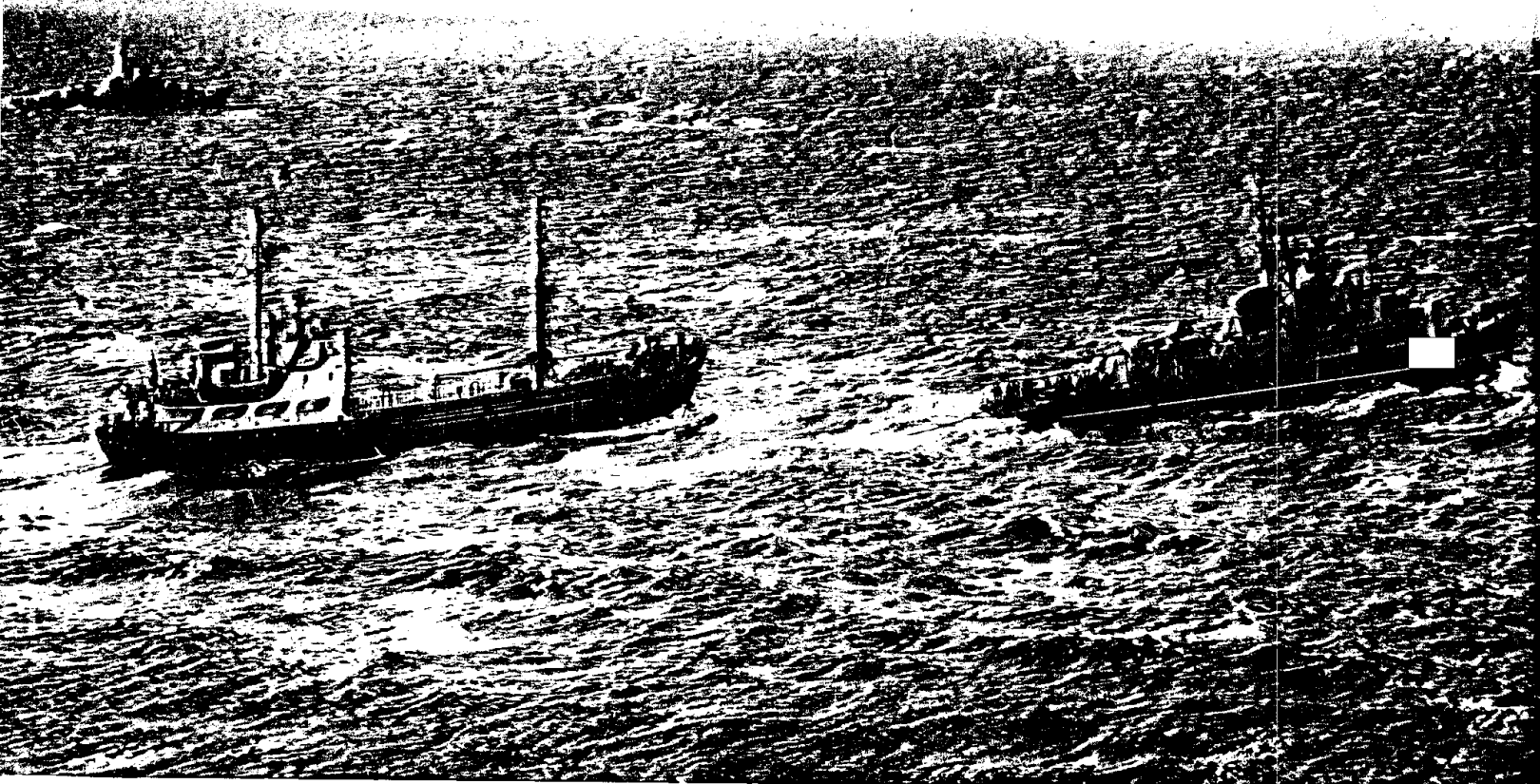


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TOWN QUAY. CENTER: T-301-CLASS MINESWEEPER [REDACTED] (OUTBOARD) & T-43-
CLASS MINESWEEPER [REDACTED] (INBOARD). [REDACTED]



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RIGA-CLASS ESCORT VESSELS [REDACTED] (LEFT BACKGROUND)
[REDACTED] (RIGHT FOREGROUND): KONDA-CLASS NAVAL TANKER YAKHROMA
IN NORTH SEA [REDACTED]

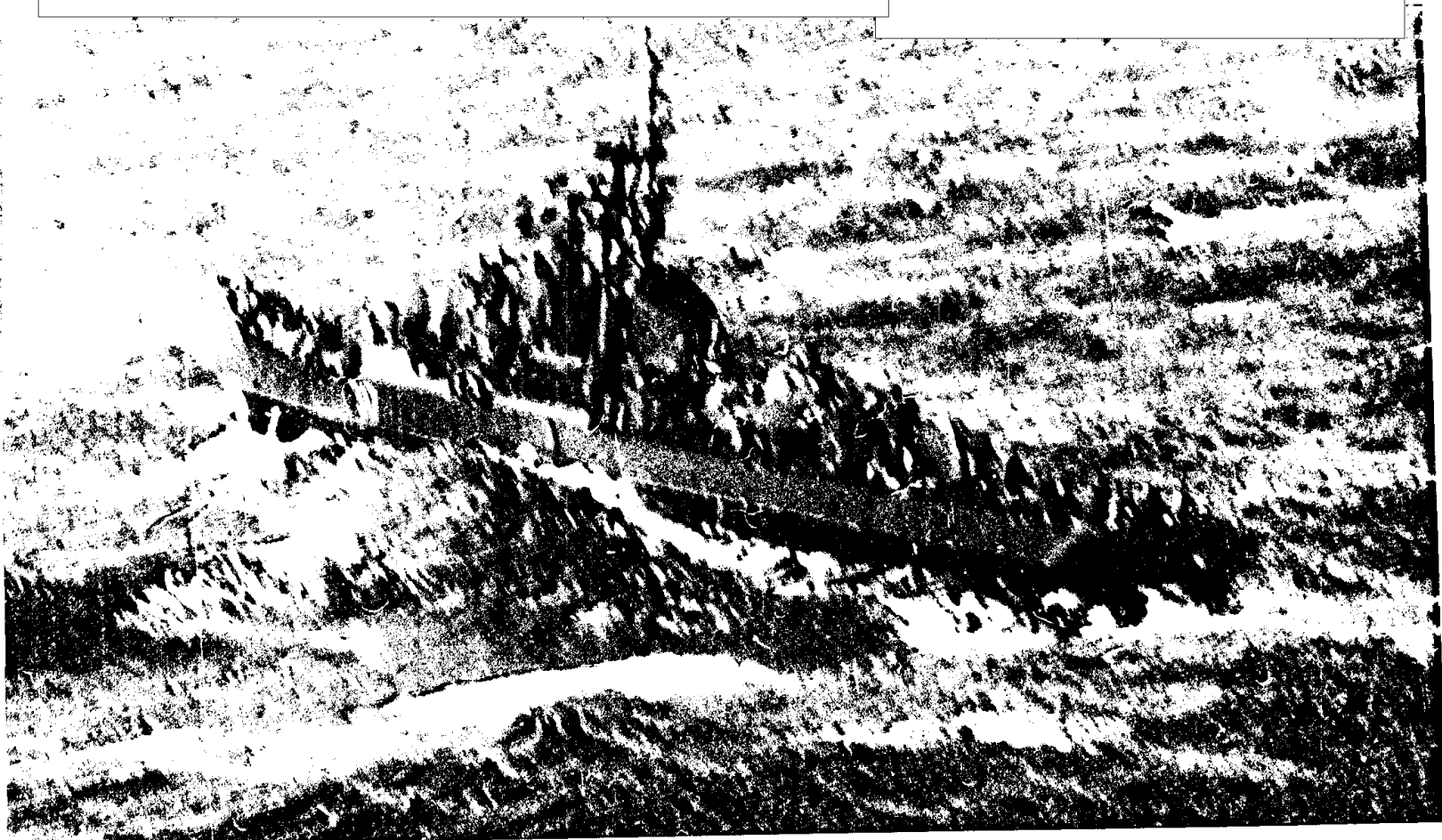


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RIGA-CLASS ESCORT VESSEL

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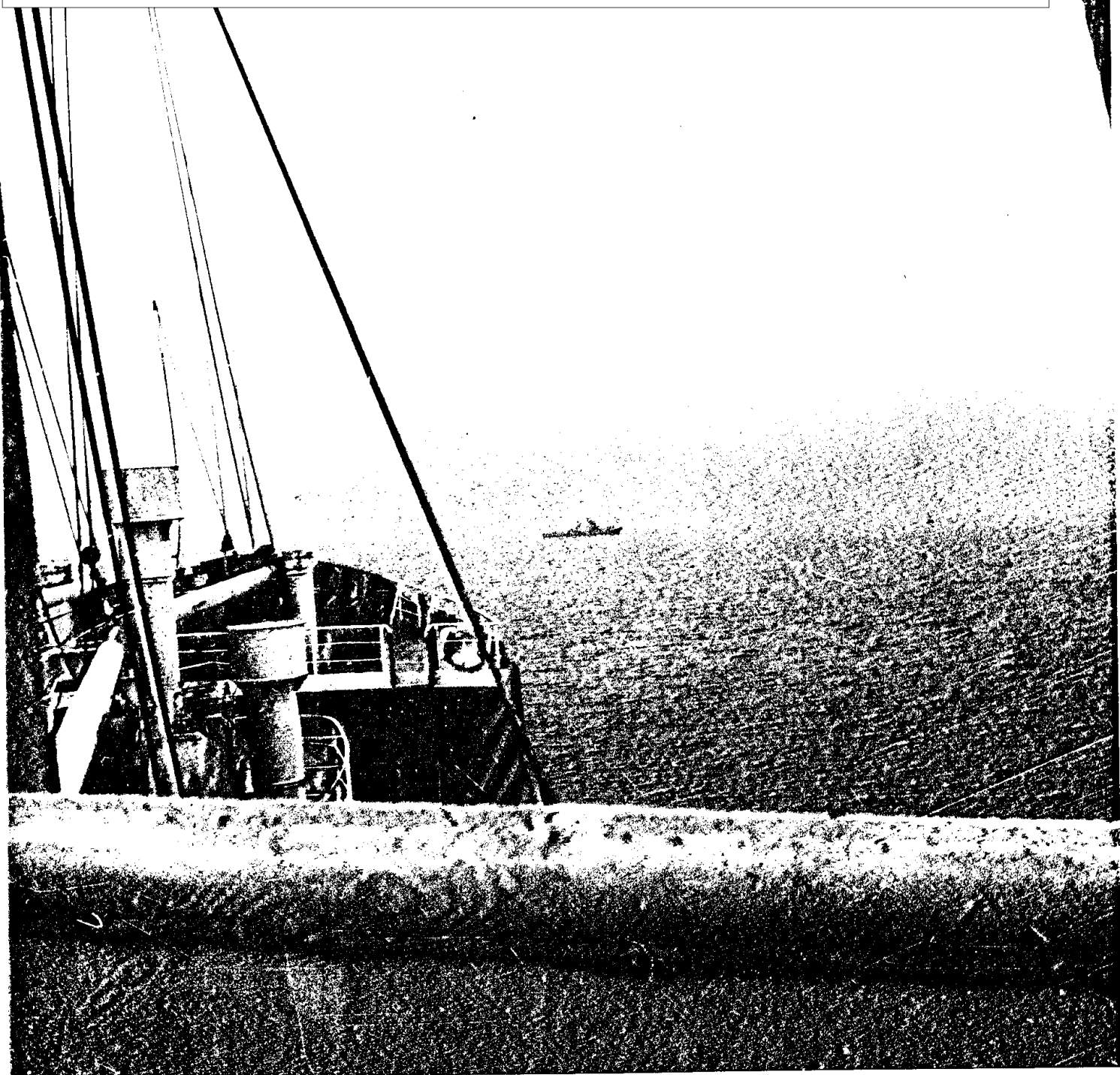
USS [REDACTED]
KRUPNYY-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER

NEAR LENINGRAD

LIGHTSHIP, HEADING NORTH.
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KRUPNYY-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER NEAR Leningrad
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SO-I-CLASS SUBCHASER

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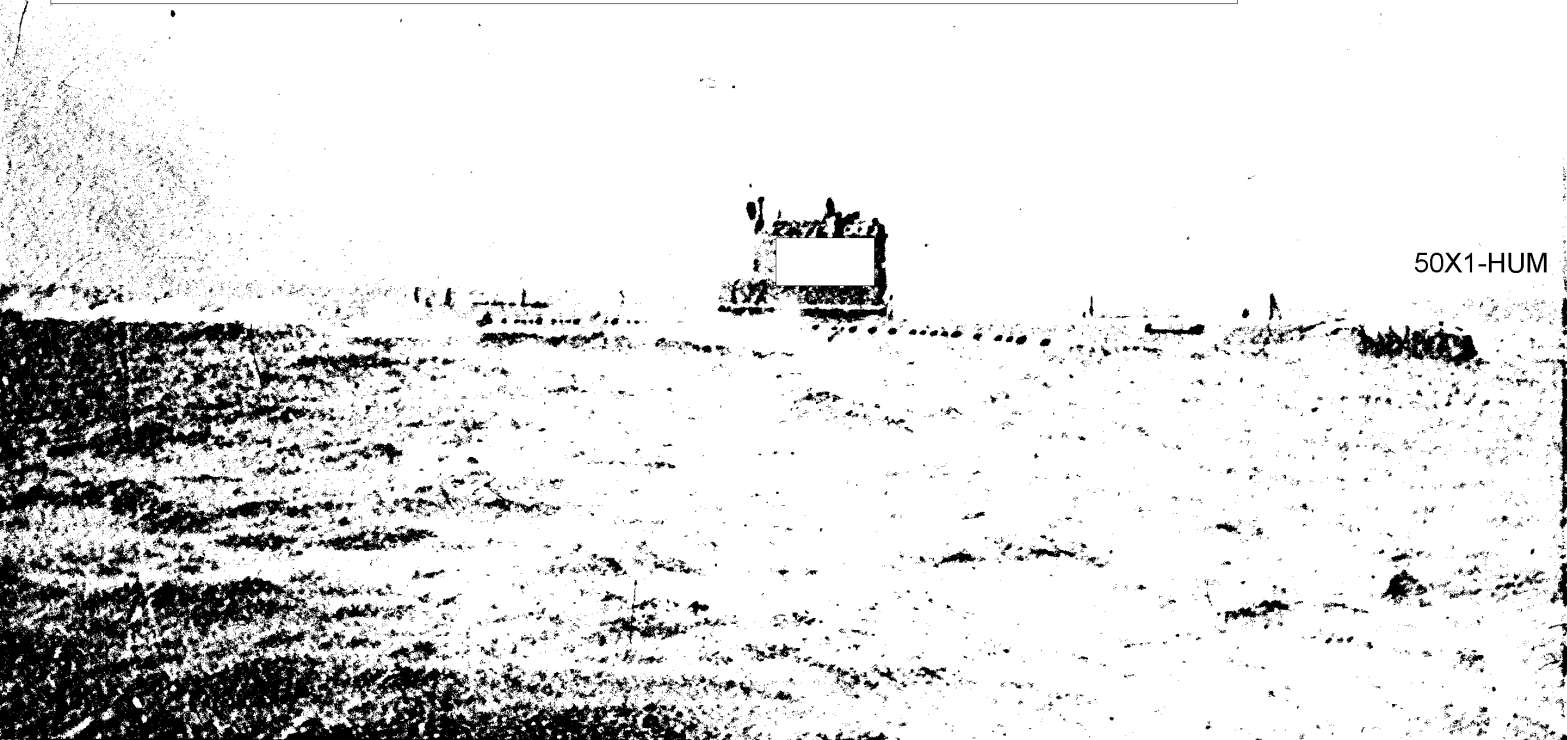
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W-CLASS SUBMARINE.

[REDACTED] NORTH-BOUND IN ORESUND, OFF MALMO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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W-CLASS SUBMARINE [REDACTED] NORTH-BOUND IN ORESUND, OFF MALMO.

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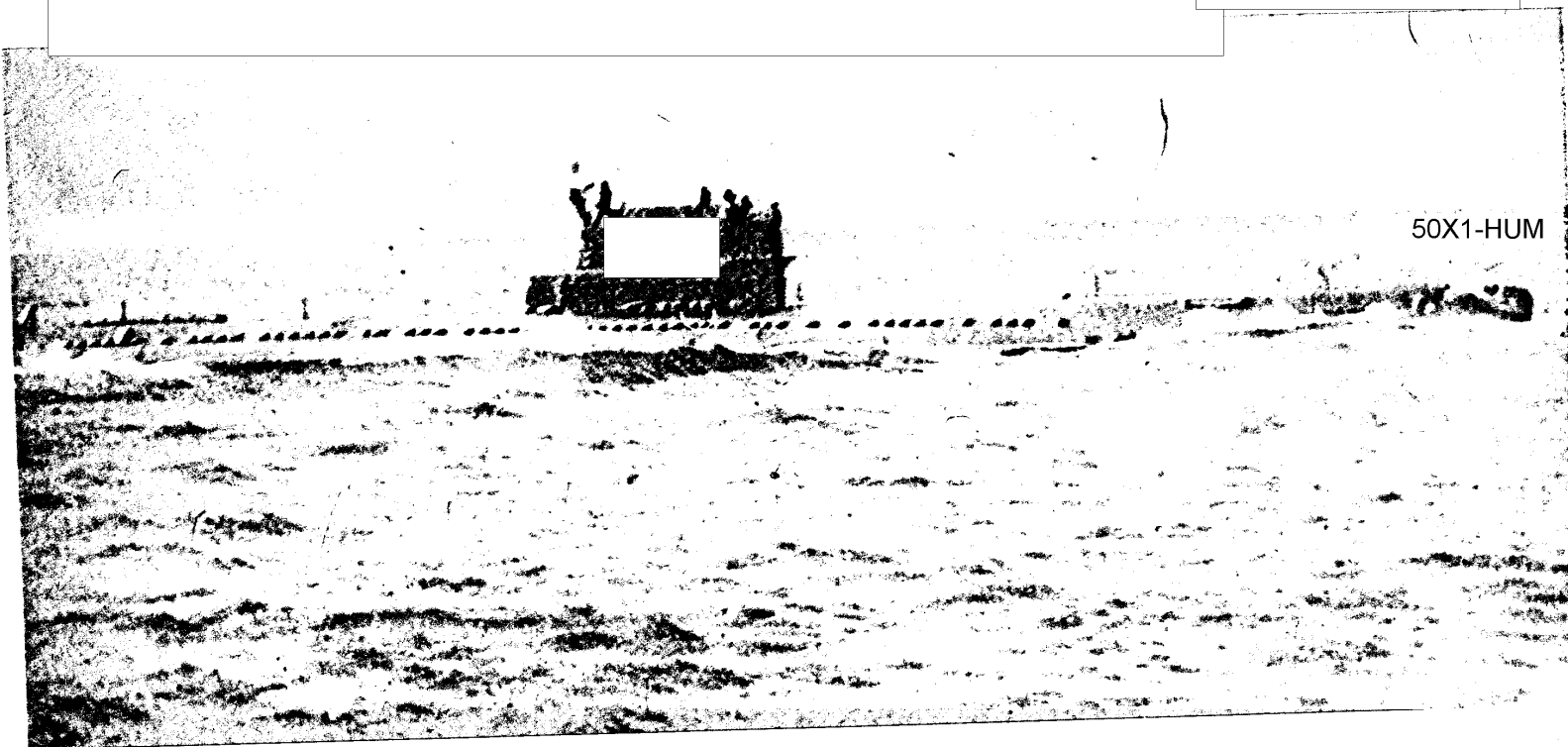
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NORTH-BOUND IN ORESUND, OFF MALMO.

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W-CLASS SUBMARINE, PENDANT

[REDACTED] NORTH-BOUND IN ORESUND, OFF MALMO.



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